

HUGHES LOOKS FOR LARGE SILENT VOTE

Nominee Gets Much Encouragement From It as Well as From Moose.

HE SEEKS MAN ON FENCE

Candidate's First Tour Marked by the Friendliness of Western Audiences.

Charles E. Hughes, Republican Presidential nominee, will be well satisfied if his second campaign tour, which begins tomorrow, proves as successful as his first, which took him from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again. He is convinced that on his initial trip he made great progress. Two facts confirmed by the long tour which ended last Tuesday stand out boldly:

From all appearances considerable more than half the former Progressive voters are back in the Republican ranks. This means that all those States which are normally Republican may reasonably be expected to give him their electoral vote.

The silent vote, from all indications, will be extraordinarily large this year. From this too, Hughes gets much encouragement.

When comment is made on the fact that great enthusiasm was lacking in many of the audiences which the nominee addressed, it should be borne in mind that, so far as the West is concerned, the day of the torchlight procession which flourished in the time of Blaine and Cleveland, is past. Not until Hughes had finished his swing through twenty-one other States and had invaded Maine did he witness any such demonstration.

Democrats Also Complains.

Again, the Democrats are complaining of a lack of enthusiasm in the campaign route as much as are the Republicans. Those who accompany Hughes to the Pacific coast hear these complaints everywhere. Westerners no longer cheer for the mere fun of cheering. They go to political meetings to see, to listen and to learn. The mere mention of either party standard, or even of the name of a party, no longer rouses them to frenzied outbursts.

If there was not always great enthusiasm when Hughes spoke—and very often there was—his audiences, almost without exception, were made up of one of them except that at Nashville was thoroughly cordial and all gave evidence of a receptive, a thinking mood.

This was a source of gratification to Hughes. It is the thinking audience which is most to his liking. He believes that a crowd which would shout long and loud for him would shout just as lustily for any man who flaunted the same party standard no matter what the issues involved or the nature of the appeals made.

It is the man on the fence who he seeks. His presentations are essentially for the thinker. Therefore, convinced that Americans are thinking this year, he is satisfied to present his arguments calmly and dispassionately and trust to the sober judgment of the people. He believes that he made an effective case in the West and is confident of a favorable verdict.

Prediction by an Expert.

Not alone because of the prevalence of the independent vote but also because of the large number of local issues complicating the situation in many of the States political prophecy is more than ordinarily difficult this year. Without attempting to estimate majorities the following prediction is made by one who accompanied the Republican nominee on his long tour may be regarded as reasonably accurate:

Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, California, Utah and Kansas are certainly Republican. Oregon, Idaho, Maine and Wyoming are almost surely for Hughes.

The Democrats appear to have slightly the better of the situation in New York, Colorado, Missouri and Kentucky, though each of these States is debatable ground. Tennessee is of course Democratic.

Illinois, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire are not included in these estimates because their campaigns are not yet under way, but Hughes is certain of some of them and hopeful of all.

The Farmers Non-Partisan League, formed less than a year ago, but numbering 40,000 members, is an important factor in North Dakota this year. Demanding State owned terminal elevators, four mile and packing plants and a system of rural credit operated at cost, it plunged into politics last spring and succeeded in bringing about the selection of its leader, Lynn C. Frazier, as the Republican nominee for Governor.

Frazier is enthusiastic for Hughes and predicted at his meeting in Grand Forks last month. Also the North Dakota farmers are strong protectionists, so the Republican national ticket will receive the support of the entire organization.

The Suffrage Vote.

In Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas women will vote for President this year. In several of these States the vote will be their first and their political alignment is still more or less uncertain. Women are said to cast 51 per cent of the total vote in Colorado. Charles Sessions, Republican State chairman, predicts that they will outvote the men in that State also.

In most of the States where suffrage is not new the women have generally followed the same political lines as the men, but in others there are signs of an independent spirit this year. Gov. Arthur Capper of Kansas estimates that Hughes' advocacy of a Federal amendment to give him 10,000 women converts in that State.

In six of the States which Hughes visited—North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado and Kansas—prohibition laws are in effect, and four others—Montana, California, Nevada and Wyoming—will decide the question in November. This dry appeal has the better of the situation in each of these States except California, where the vineyarding is an important industry and business depression is feared if prohibition legislation is enacted.

In all sections of the country former Bull Moose leaders are giving Hughes their active support. Ben B. Lindsey is a candidate for reelection as Judge of the Juvenile Court in Denver on the Democratic ticket, but the Republicans of Colorado have renominated Gov. Carrison, a Republican of strong Progressive tendencies.

Johnson Offsets Henry.

Francis V. Henry's support of Wilson, in California, is more than offset by Gov. Hiram W. Johnson's work for Hughes. Johnson has been named for Senator by both the Republicans and the Progressives.

WESTCHESTER WARS ON RULE BY BOSSES

Republican Candidates for Congress and Sheriff Fight Ward's Delegations.

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NO TAINTED MONEY IS THE G. O. P. POLICY

Bliss, Republican Treasurer, Reports on Financing of the Campaign.

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ROOSEVELT IN OPEN WAR UPON SEABURY

"His Candidacy Necessarily in Wilson's Interest," He Says. Dispelling Doubts.

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SCHOMBURG OUT FOR WILSON.

Urges Follow Sons of Germany Also to Support Him.

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DRYS CAMPAIGNING TO WIN PLAINFIELD

Church and Business Movement Started to Oust "Wet" Councilmen.

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GEN. SHARPE GETS BIG POST.

New York Man Is Made Quartermaster-General of Army.

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MRS. HUGHES WILL JOIN SECOND TOUR

Republican Nominee Considers Her a Distinct Asset to His Campaign.

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